



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-2730P1C32  
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For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND  
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MS: RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed in this case on January 18, 2005; therefore this response timely filed and is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of time for two months with necessary fees. Entry of this amendment and consideration of the following arguments is respectfully requested.

**Pending Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.